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ANDREAS BACHER ET AL.

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For: SILANE-CONTAINING POLYVINYL ALCOHOL FOR COATING SLIPS :

Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir or Madam:

I, Michael Schuderer, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Thurneyssenstraße 22, 80687 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

For EP-A 76940 an English Derwent Abstract is enclosed.

EP-A 1127706 is already in English language.

EP-A 1080940 is already in English language.

Signed this // day of July, 2003.

Dr. Michael Schuderer



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A copy of each reference listed on the attached Forms PTO/SB08A and/or PTO/SB08B is included herewith. Consideration and entry into the record of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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